GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RE- OPENING OF STILWEL ROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China and India have recently started working on plans to reopen the Stilwel road between the two countries through Myanmar which would reduce the detour between the two nations from over 6,000 kms. to just 1,300 kms.;

(b) if so the status of the matter at present and the respective stand of India, Myanmar and China in this regard; and

(c) the details of benefits likely to be accrued to these countries as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) - (b): Government of India has discussed the possibility of improving road connectivity with Myanmar and China. However, the question of reopening of Stilwell road has not been discussed.

(c): Does not arise.